

REMARKS

Applicants note that they are submitting a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement near or at the time of the submission of the present response.

Claims 10-29 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-9 were previously cancelled by preliminary amendment.

Claims 20, 21 and 22 were amended to correct the misspelling of the word "weight".

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 USC 103 (a) Over USP 6,083,422 and

Over WO 98/21307 in view of USP 6,083,422

Claims 10-29 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 6,083,422 and over WO 98/21307 in view of USP 6,083,422. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for two reasons. First, the cited art does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness because it does not teach or suggest all of Applicants' claim limitations nor would such art motivate the skilled artisan to do what Applicants have done.

The July 2, 2003, Office Action states that with respect to the radical scavenger element of Applicants' claims, '307 teaches the use of radical scavengers in general, and '422 teaches the use of the specific radical scavengers of Applicants claims in a thickened bleach composition. Applicants contend that '422 does not teach the specific radical scavengers recited in Applicants claims and that the cited art does not even recognize that the radical scavengers recited in Applicants claims were useful in any type of cleaning composition. Furthermore, Applicants contend that the mere fact that radical scavengers are known to be useful in cleaning compositions and that a broad generic formula- an aromatic ring with substitution - is recited in the cited art does not provide motivation to choose and incorporate the materials that Applicants employ as scavengers in their compositions.

Conclusion

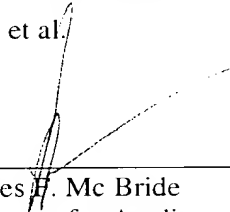
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Applicants have made an earnest effort to place their application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 10-29.

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